Facility to install hand pumps by MPs in rural areas

†2143. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether every Member of Parliament has been given the facility of installing 150 hand pumps in rural areas by Central Government;

(b) whether the installation of hand pumps is not sanctioned by district level authorities in urban areas;

(c) whether any such guidelines have been issued by Central Government to State Governments; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Local bodies are responsible for water supply in urban areas.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Self Help Groups in Rajasthan

2144. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many Self-Help Groups (SHGs) have been formed in Rajasthan;

(b) how many of these SHGs have become self-dependent to cater to the needs of the families connected with them;

(c) the remedial measures Government proposes to take to help sick SHGs;

(d) whether financial assistance from the nationalized banks in many cases is not available; and

(e) if so, the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is a major self-employment programme for the rural poor under implementation since 1.4.1999. SGSY has been conceived as a holistic programme of micro-enterprises covering all aspects of self-employment *viz.*, organization of the rural poor into Self-Help Groups (SHGs) through the process of social mobilization and their capacity building, planning of activity clusters, infrastructure build up, technology, credit & subsidy and marketing. Since 1.4.1999 upto 2007-08 (up to February, 08), 36,359 Self Help Groups have been formed, 20,025 SHGs have passed Grade I, 7,714 SHGs have passed Grade II and 5,780 SHGs have taken up Economic Activities. 5,780 SHGs which have taken up

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